

**TOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2008**

Meeting Place: Grand Rapids Municipal Building, 2410 48th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Present: Chairman Don Bohn, Supervisors Arne Nystrom, Jeanne Fehrman, Bill Clendenning, and Edward Hellner; Building Inspector Lorelei Fuehrer, Treasurer Kristine Ginter, Clerk Judy McLellan.

Absent:

Excused:

NOTE: () indicates agenda item of when Board member joined the meeting.

Notices of the meeting were legally posted at The Store in Kellner, the Grand Rapids Garage and the Grand Rapids Municipal Building, and published in the Daily Tribune.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Don Bohn.

1. **Approve minutes of June 24, 2008 Town Board Meeting and June 30, 2008 Joint Meeting with Biron.** Motion (Hellner/Clendenning) to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.
2. **Approval/Denial of application of Neil Heinrich for the open Combination Class B Liquor License.** It was noted by Supervisor Nystrom that Neil currently does not have a premises and would not be issued an actual license until a premises was approved by the board. Motion (Clendenning/Hellner) to approve the application of Neil Heinrich for the Combination Class B Liquor License. Motion carried.
3. **Approval/Denial of application for Temporary Liquor License by the Aqua Skiers for the Show Ski National to be held Aug 8th – 10th 2008 at Lake Wazeecha.** Motion (Fehrman/Hellner) to approve the application of a temporary Liquor License by the Aqua Skiers as presented. Motion carried
4. **Approval/Denial of possible condemnation of building foundation at Lot 7 Pointe Estates and building at 7420 Dewberry Lane.** Dave Ramsden, owner of property at Lot 7 Pointe Estates was present to speak to the board. It was noted by Chairman Bohn that the building permit had expired on this foundation as of June 9, 2006 and Mr. Ramsden was granted a one year extension to June 9, 2007. Nothing has been done with the foundation to this point. Building Inspector Lorelei Fuehrer has been in contact with Mr. Ramsden numerous times about this matter. Ms. Fuehrer asked the board for permission to have the town's attorney begin the paperwork for condemning the foundation. Mr. Ramsden stated that he felt the foundation was not inferior. Ms. Fuehrer stated that he would need to bring in a written statement from possibly an engineer or certified concrete inspector, with a statement to that effect if he was to proceed to put a house on the foundation. Ms. Fuehrer stated that it would take 30-45 days for the legal work to be done for condemnation allowing Mr. Ramsden to obtain the needed verification of the soundness of the foundation if he chooses. Motion (Hellner/Nystrom) to approve of the Building Inspector Lorelei Fuehrer contacting the town's attorney to begin proceedings for the condemnation of the foundation at Lot 7 Pointe Estates. Motion carried. **Part two: Possible condemnation of building at 7420 Dewberry Lane.** Building Inspector Lorelei Fuehrer stated that the home at this address is in serious need of repair. She stated that she has received conformation from the owner that they are checking into contractors and loans to repair the home. Motion (Hellner/Fehrman) to revisit the situation in 30 days. Motion carried
5. **Approval/Denial of Clerk attending Clerk Conference in Stevens Point Aug 20-22, 2008.** Motion (Clendenning/Hellner) to authorize the clerk to attend Clerk Conference in Stevens Point Aug 20-22, 2008. Motion carried.
6. **Approval from board to have Leroy Lovesee, resident of Grand Rapids, On Recycling and Garbage Committee.** Motion (Clendenning/Hellner) to approve appointment of Leroy Lovesee to the Recycling and Garbage Committee. Motion carried.
7. **Appoint of board members to serve on committees to further study the sharing of services with the Village of Biron.** Chairman Bohn recommended the following members to work with Biron Trustees on these committees: Supervisor Hellner and Supervisor Fehrman: Police services, Supervisor

Nystrom and Chairman Bohn: Fire services, and Supervisor Hellner and Clendenning: Public works. Motion (Fehrman/Hellner) to approve committee appointment as presented. Motion carried.

8. **Appointment of new Zoning Appeals Committee Chairman.** Chairman Bohn stated that Harold Thalacker has resigned as chairman of the Zoning Appeals Committee and he wished to recommend Gilbert Layton as new Chairman. Tom Heiser currently alternate would become full time member of committee. An appointment of a new alternate will be addressed at a later time. Motion (Nystrom/Fehrman) to approve the appointment of Gilbert Layton to chairman of Zoning Appeals Committee. Motion carried.
9. **Approval/Denial to change Sept. 9th meeting to Sept. 10th.** Motion (Fehrman/Clendenning) to move September Town Board meeting to Sept. 10th. Motion carried.
10. **Report from Public Buildings Committee on repairs to Municipal Building roof.** The Public Building Committee met on June 27th and spoke to roofing contractor again. There seemed to be some overlap of services between the concrete contractor and roofing contractor. New estimates were submitted. Estimates went over the \$25,000 limit. Motion (Fehrman/Hellner) to put the work out to bids as required by statutes. Motion carried.
11. **Approval of June disbursement vouchers.** No questions.
12. **Monthly Reports from committees and departments.**
 - **Police Department:** Chief of Police Dave Lewandowski reported that there were 297 calls for service for the month of June. TRACS system is up and running with a couple of issues that are being addressed. The ¾ time position was filled with Officer Tammy Kubisiak. The officers have been very busy last month and are currently involved in the search and rescue for the missing Grand Rapids man.
 - **Fire Department:** Chief Bernette reported that there were 9 calls in June. Training for the month of July will consist of: Pump operation, relay pumping and UTV/ATV course training. The Firefighter's Celebration had a very good turnout. Money collected looks to be around \$12,000 again this year. First Responders had to cancel their testing due to the search for missing person. Hope to reschedule in approximately 2 weeks. State certification should be August – September.
 - **Safety:** Safety Director Scott Bernette reported that there have been no new safety incidents since the one on June 6th when a crew member received an injury while in the process of removing a tree. Safety meeting was held on July 2 with the topic being the new requirements for safety visibility vests.
 - **Public Works:** Chairman Bohn stated he was still waiting on the specifications for bidding the slag sealing of roads. Crews are continuing to mow road way around the town. Supervisor Hellner said that the new ram for the mower is here and installed. He thanked the crew for being able to repair the old one enough to get us through until the new one arrived, thus not putting the mower out of commission for two-three weeks. The old one will be kept as a spare.
 - **Crime Stoppers:** Supervisor Arne Nystrom stated that Crime Stoppers is still receiveing calls pertaining to the Harm case and asked that anyone who has any knowledge of a crime to please call Crime Stoppers.
 - **Airport Commission:** Supervisor Nystrom was unable to attend meeting so Supervisor Clendenning attend in his place. Supervisor Clendenning stated that the repair to hanger doors will be done a little at a time. Airport operations hours have changed to 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The airport commission has agreed to leave on the agenda the possibility of Biron and Port Edwards joining.
 - **Planning and Zoning:** Supervisor Fehrman stated that the Planning Commission will be meeting on Monday July 14th at 6:30 and will have speakers from the DOT present to discuss the Hwy 54 bypass project. Smart Growth will be meeting on Monday July 21st at 6:30 p.m..
 - **Building Inspector:** Building Inspector Lorelei Fuehrer stated there were 32 building permits issued in the month of June but none of them were for new homes.
 - **Recycling and Garbage:** Supervisor Clendenning stated that the Committee met on June 27th. At this time the committee is looking into the recycling of plastics other than # 1 and #

2 that our current recycling vendor collects. They have also spent some time checking into the possibility of working with Biron in this area. Biron currently has their own garbage truck but recyclables are picked up by another vendor. The Committee is still looking for one more citizen who would be interested in becoming part of the Recycling and Garbage Committee.

13. Other Public Input

None

Motion (Hellner/Nystom) to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:46 p.m.

Minutes subject to board approval.

Respectfully submitted and approved
this _____ day of _____, 2008

Judy McLellan
Town Clerk